

281—64.15 (256A,279) Grantee responsibilities.

64.15(1) The grantee shall maintain records which include but are not limited to:

- a.* Information on children and families served.
- b.* Direct services provided to children.
- c.* Record of expenditures.
- d.* Other appropriate information specified by the council necessary to the overall evaluation.

64.15(2) Continuation programs shall participate in the Self-Study and Accreditation Program of the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. Programs shall have two years from the date of initial funding to complete the self-study process. Programs shall have three years from the date of initial funding to attain accreditation. Programs unable to attain accreditation by the end of the three-year period may apply for a waiver of accreditation by March 15 of the third year. Waivers shall be awarded at the discretion of the council. Programs not attaining accreditation or not receiving a waiver of accreditation will be terminated.

64.15(3) New/expansion programs shall participate in the Self-Study and Accreditation Program of the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs during their first year of council funding. New/expansion programs shall be granted a waiver of accreditation during their first year of funding. New/expansion programs must complete self-study and attain accreditation during their second year of funding. Programs not able to attain accreditation during their second year may apply for a waiver of accreditation by March 15 of the current fiscal year. Waivers shall be granted at the discretion of the council. Programs not attaining accreditation or not receiving waivers will be terminated.

64.15(4) Grantees shall provide quarterly reports that include information detailing progress toward goals and objectives, expenditures and services provided on forms provided for those reports. Failure to submit reports by the due date shall result in suspension of financial payments to the grantee until the time that the report is received. No new awards shall be made for continuation programs where there are delinquent reports from prior grants.

64.15(5) Grantees may direct the use of moneys received to serve any qualifying child ranging in age from three years old to five years old, regardless of the age of population indicated on the grant request in the grantee's initial year of application. A grantee is encouraged to consider the degree to which the program complements existing local programs and services for three-year-old, four-year-old, and five-year-old at-risk children, including other child care and preschool services, services provided through a school district, and services available through an area education agency.